

Fagprojekt 27010 and 27009

Introduction to supervisors

The purpose of this small text is to guide the supervisors on what is expected to provide an introductory course (Fagprojekt)

See the general course description and learning objectives on the Course database (see link below).

- Project:

The project can be defined by the supervisor or by the students with the assistance of the supervisor.

The proposed project should include some literature searches, and some research (experimental or computer based). It should be enough work for 4 people for 13 weeks + 3 weeks. The experimental work should be limited if in the wet lab, e.g. to one or two weeks (it is largely up to the supervisor and the students to decide how much – but remember: the purpose of the course is to learn “The scientific *method*”, not to do research). In the following, Week 1 refers to the first week of the autumn semester, and so on.

- Meeting:

Each supervisor should meet with the group as early as possible, from week 4 (after 25 Sep. 2013) to initiate the project. The supervisors are free to plan when they prefer to meet with the students. We suggest once a week (or at least 3-4 times during the semester). Wednesday is a good day as it is supposed to be the ‘Fagprojekt’ day. According to the project more frequent meetings/supervisions can be necessary in January.

- Report:

Each supervisor should read a project outline delivered by the group at week 8 (30 Sep. 2013). The outline should include a clear definition of the purpose of the project, a work plan, and list expectations of the outcome of the project.

Each supervisor should read **part** of the draft report handed in week 1 of the 3-week period in January (8 Jan. 2013). If there is experimental work planned for January this can be included as “dummy text” in the report (i.e. a space to place results after completing the experiments).

The supervisor is not supposed to read the complete report before the final version. He is not supposed to correct language issues. More attention should be on the format of the report (‘publication like’ figures, tables, references).

- Feedback:

The supervisor should give oral feedback after consulting the project outline (week 9) and report (early January).

- Exam:

As far as possible, the exam should be conducted before the end of the 3-week period in January (no later than 24 Jan 2014). The students should present the report at an oral examination to conclude the project. The project can (should) be presented as a group presentation, e.g. with a PowerPoint slide show or a poster. The students are examined one at a time afterwards, and after all students have been examined, each is given a grade. The examiners will be the supervisor(s) and an internal censor.

- Trouble...

Should problematic issues arise during the project period, the supervisor should try to sort out the problems. The course facilitators, Claus and Karine are available for consultations, and if necessary, intervention.

Links:

Course database:

<http://www.kurser.dtu.dk/27009.aspx?menulanguage=da>

<http://www.kurser.dtu.dk/27010.aspx?menulanguage=da>

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